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St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

September is dedicated to Mary.

Our theme for the Autumn term is: 'Family and Communities'
Our virtues for this half term are: - Compassionate and Loving



30th September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week, we have focused on St. Therese of Lisieux and her wonderful example. St Therese taught us that the small things matter and with each small kind deed, we get closer to Heaven. The children have created flowers out of recycled materials, which they will use to decorate the prayer garden. We are beginning to attend more sports competitions with local schools again this year and we hope to bring back some trophies. We have also begun our curriculum workshops, with a different year group each Monday hosting these.

I thank you for your kind comments this week ahead of my wedding tomorrow. It is a privilege to have St. Mary's choir singing at the ceremony and I am incredibly proud of the children - we have more events lined up where our choir will represent the school in the lead up to Christmas. Please pray for good weather for tomorrow and I hope that you all have a lovely weekend. I will see you on Monday.

Miss Price

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Luke 16:19-31

"...remember that during your life, good things came to you."

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- to consider the true meaning of wealth
- that the way in which we use our time, qualities and material possessions affects our ability to live life to the full.
- to identify in themselves and others good qualities to be treasured and shared.

Dear God,

Thank you for all the good things in my life.
Thank you for giving me my own gifts and qualities.
Help me to enjoy them, grow them and to share them.
Help me to remember that the secret to being rich is putting God first and sharing what I have with others.

Amen

Catholic Life in School

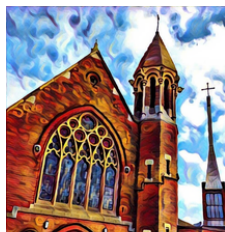
Y2 Mass - St. Therese of Lisieux

On Wednesday, Y2 led us in our Mass to St. Therese of Lisieux and offered little acts of kindness in the offertory.



Year 5 Mass in Church - 5.10.22 at 9:15am - St. Faustina

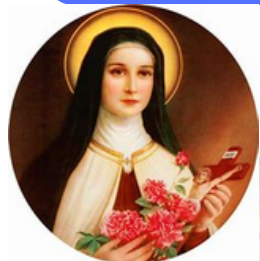
Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 5th October 2022, starting promptly at 9:15am. **Year 5 children** will be leading our Mass and Year 6 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.



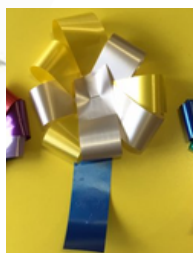
Little Way Week

Small and kind deeds, which bring us closer to God... we are following St. Therese of Lisieux's 'Little Way'

"I will seek out a means of getting to Heaven by a little way—very short and very straight, a little way that is wholly new".



YEAR 1



YEAR 2



YEAR 3



YEAR 4



YEAR 5

YEAR 6



School Representatives



Year 6 Prefects

We're incredibly proud to introduce our Head boy Ayomide and Head girl Palie-Elsie, alongside our Year 6 prefects. We know how fabulous they will be in their new duties.

School Council

And we extend our congratulations to the School Council who have been chosen by their peers to represent their ideas. They put together marvellous campaigns. Well done.

Football Competitions - 29.9.22



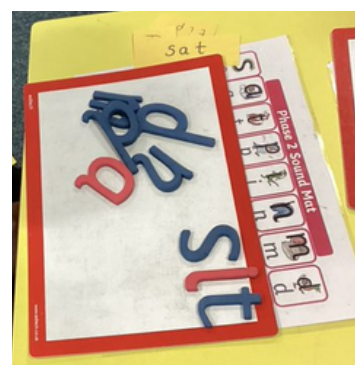
Huge congratulations to our football teams who played yesterday evening. The Y5/6 boys' football team won their first match of the Harborne District 7-a-side league, 4-0. Our girls also did us proud representing the school at our first inter-school football tournament! What talented young ladies they are! Both teams played superbly and were such a credit to our school.



Fabulous
home learning

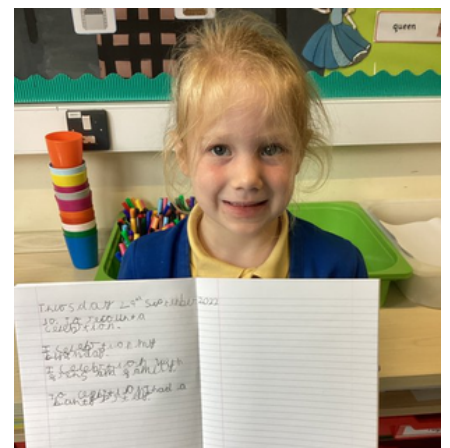
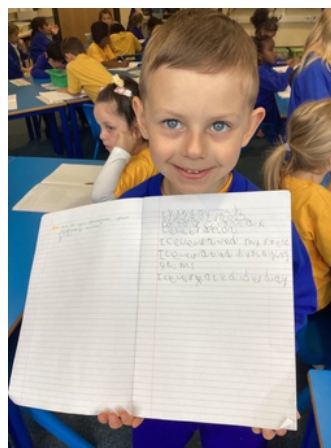
Reception news: -

Reception class have been playing teachers and learning their letters at the same time.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been learning about celebrations in RE. They have written about a celebration that they have taken part in.



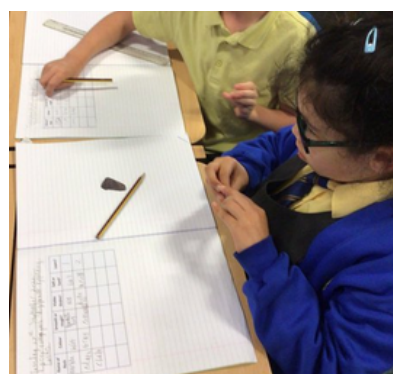
Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been experimenting to see which materials are waterproof in Science.



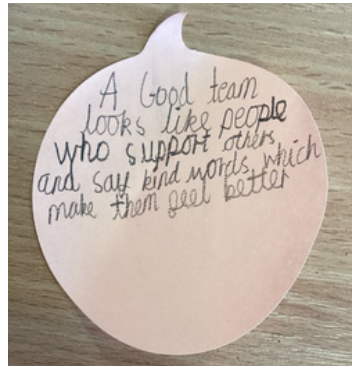
Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have been comparing rocks and deciding which material would be best to build a roof with.



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have been thinking about what it means to work as a team.



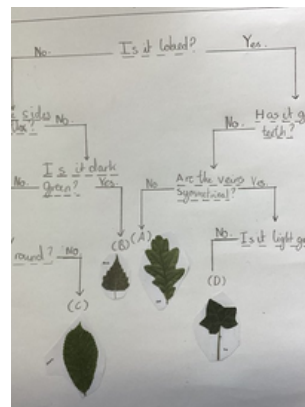
Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have been exploring the similarities and differences with Anglo-Saxon families and communities then and now.



Year 6 news: -

Year 6 have created leaf classification charts and used them outside to classify in a real life context.

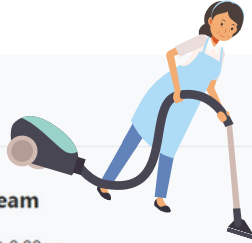


Year 6 Curriculum Workshop - 26.9.22

Thank you parents who came along to the Year 6 Curriculum Workshop this week. I hope you found out more about how the curriculum is run at St. Mary's, and left with ideas of how to support your child's learning at home.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Cleaner



We are looking for a Cleaner to join our team

Closing Date:	Thursday 6th October 2022 at 9:00am
Interview Date:	Expected to take place week commencing 10th October 2022
Proposed Start Date:	As soon as possible
Salary range:	Grade 1, £18,333 - £18,887 pro rata, (actual salary £7,411 - £7,635)
Hours:	15 hours per week
Contract Type:	Permanent, Term Time Only, plus 5 weeks in school holidays
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Telephone Number:	0121 464 2141

Senior Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking for a Senior Lunchtime Supervisor to join our team

Closing Date:	Tuesday 4 th October 2022 at midday
Interview Date:	Monday 10 th October 2022
Proposed Start Date:	As soon as possible
Salary range:	Grade 2, £18,887 - £20,852 pro rata Hourly rate £9.79 - £10.81
Hours:	10 hours per week
Contract Type:	Permanent, Term Time Only
Email Address:	office@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk
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Mistreatment and damage to school equipment

The top picture is how we leave our play equipment on a Friday evening as we lock up school. The bottom picture is how it looks when we return in to school on a Monday morning. At some point over the weekend, our equipment is being thrown around and damaged. This goes against everything we teach the children at school about care and respect for our learning environment. It is the third week running that our equipment has been misused over the weekend and we have had no alternative but to take it away. I really hope it isn't children at St. Mary's.

If you know who this could be or are in our playground over the weekends and see our equipment being misused - please inform somebody at school as it is costing money if we are to replace these items - money we spend on your child's curriculum

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Parents' evening consultations can now be booked for your child using e-schools



When you log on to e-schools, you will have the opportunity to book an appointment to see your child's teacher. Booking opens on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 12pm and closes on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 12pm.

Parents' evening appointments will be carried over two days - Tuesday 18th October 2022 and Thursday 20th October 2022.

This year, all appointments will take place in the school hall. There will be an opportunity to look at your child's books following your appointment.

The appointment will last for ten minutes and timings will be strictly kept to. Please do not arrive any more than 5 minutes early for your appointment to help us keep numbers in school to a minimum.

As we are keeping numbers down in school, we ask that you do not bring children (including pre school children and babies) to your appointment.

We will be asking all parents to complete a parent questionnaire on the night. Please look out for this.

There will also be the opportunity to visit our book fair and to take home any pre-loved uniform.

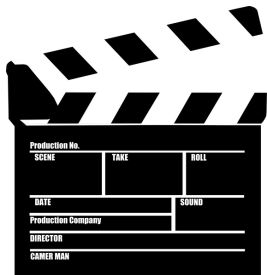
Next week: - WB 3.10.22

Year 2 Curriculum Workshop - 3.10.22 - 2:00pm



Year 2 parents are invited to find out all about their child's Curriculum in our Curriculum Workshop on Monday.

It is an opportunity to find out how the curriculum is run at St. Mary's, what topics are planned in for the school year, how maths and English is taught and what you can do to support your child's learning at home.



Reception / KS1 film club "Coco" - 4.10.22 3:20-5:10pm

St. Mary's PTA will be showing "Coco" (Universal rating) after school.

Children will receive a snack as part of their film evening.

They must be collected by an adult on our contacts list **at 5:15pm**.



National Poetry Day

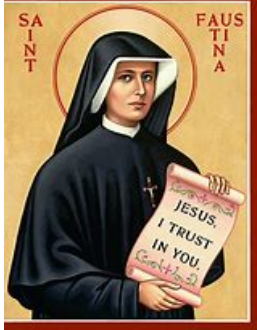
Thursday 6th October is National Poetry day and the theme this year is environment. We look forward to reading, listening to and enjoying poetry on this day and maybe even writing some of our own - with a poetry recital on Friday in hall (for children only).



1F Feast Day - St Francis - 4th October

Tuesday 4th October will be 1F's class Saint feast day so they will be celebrating in school.

Children in 1F can come to school in their own clothes on Tuesday and will be doing lots of fun activities learning about St. Francis.



SF Feast Day - St Faustina - 5th October

Wednesday 5th October will be 5F's class Saint feast day and they have a day in school which begins with a Mass dedicated to her, and then a quiz and fun activities in the afternoon. Children can wear party clothes on the day and bring in an extra snack for a little party on the afternoon.



October



Black History Month

In October we learn about role models and inspiring people of all races and cultures and the children will have the opportunity to celebrate their own families, cultures, traditions and backgrounds.

October - Pray the Rosary

Throughout October, we will be praying the rosary in school. We will pray and meditate on our Lord's life, faithfully witnessed by Our Blessed Mother.

The rosary is the recitation of five decades consisting of the Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and the 'Glory Be'.



Parish News



Children's Liturgy - 9:30am Mass

9.30am Sunday Family Mass. Children and parents, please, after Mass, do not play with any School gym items that have not been locked away. Our Caretaker has enough work on a Monday morning, without having to collect gym items scattered across the astroturf!

Thank you



ABC - About Being Catholic program

The About Being Catholic programme begins on Thursday 6th October, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, for anyone, Catholic or not, to learn more about Catholics and their prayers and practices, - so as to help their children with their faith. See Fr John if interested.



Bach Cello Recitals - every Saturday at 4pm

The Bach Cello Recitals will take place in St Mary's Church, live-streamed across Ukraine, with donations being made for medical/surgical equipment for the paramedics/Hospitals of Ukraine.

The Recitals and a Justgiving page can be accessed on St Mary's Harborne website

October collection for harvest - SIFA Fireside

Throughout October, we will be collecting for our harvest festival and supporting SIFA fireside. Here are the items to donate to school if you are able to support our charity work.



SIFA fireside

Our most needed items...

Food

- Instant meals e.g. pot noodles, cuppa soup, porridge
- Canned meals
- Baked beans
- Chocolate bars
- Cereal bars
- Biscuits
- Long life dessert items
- Crisps
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Squash
- Bottled water
- Soft drinks
- Instant hot drink sachets

Clothing

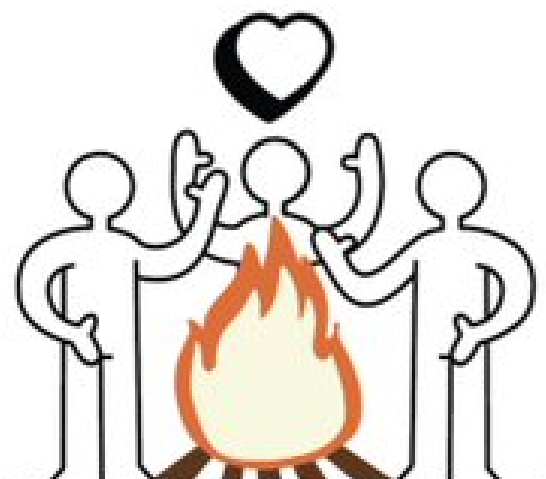
- Men's boxers & women's underwear (must be brand new)
- Socks
- Jogging bottoms
- Jackets
- Trainers

Other

- Sleeping bags
- Roll mats
- Plastic carrier bags
- Rucksacks
- Toiletries

Birmingham, you're not alone

SIFA Fireside, 48-52 Allcock Street, Birmingham B9 4DY
Registered charity number: 1049728



We are an operation encompass school. Therefore school is working alongside the police to ensure support for any child who has been involved in or witness to domestic abuse.

Please find more information about this on our website or contact the school office.

Pastoral Team

If you require any support from school please speak to a member of our pastoral team



Update your contact list

Contact details

Please make sure that we have the correct contact details for any adults that you wish to pick up your child. School can not release your child to somebody who is not on the contact list.

We legally need two contacts for each child.

If you would like somebody to pick up your child that is not you – please make sure that you provide school with contact details of who is picking up your child.

Do not book holidays during term time

This is a reminder that holidays during term time are unauthorised. If you intend to take your child out of school during term time, we ask that you complete a holiday request form at least 2 weeks prior to the leave date where possible. Parents may be fined by the Local Authority for taking unauthorised leave of absence. Children need to be in school every day so please ensure holidays are only booked during school holiday time.

Term dates are on this newsletter and on the website.

Good attendance, continues to be a school and government priority.

Remember below 95% is a concern and below 90% is classed as persistent absence. If you have any problems with regards to getting your child to school or you are struggling to improve your child's attendance, please speak to Miss Price or Mrs. Davis.

We will announce the attendance for the previous week in this section of the newsletter each week.

Attendance and Punctuality: –

Our attendance for last week was –

Week 19th Sept – 23rd Sept

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	92.6%	96.1%	100%	94.6%	100%	97.5%	95.8%	90%	99.1%	97.5%	97.2%	94.4%	94.2%	91.7%
Lates	7	3	1	6	1	2	5	3	1	3	1	2	4	1
Whole School Attendance so far this year						95.8%		School Target				97%		

Well done Y1L and Y2E: - our Attendance Champions

Dates for this term

Autumn theme -

October 2022 - all month

1st October 2022 - 1:00pm

From 3rd October onwards -

WB 3.10.22 -

3rd October 2022 - 2:00pm

4th October 2022 - 3:15pm

5th October 2022 - 9:15am

6th October 2022 - all day

10th October 2022 - all day

10th October 2022 - 2:00pm

11th October 2022 - 3:30pm

12th October 2022 - 9:15am

14th October 2022 - 9:15am

14th October 2022 - morning

14th October 2022 - after school

WB 17th October 2022 - all week

18th October 2022 - 3:40pm

19th October 2022 - 9:30am

20th October 2022 - all day

20th October 2022 - 3:40pm

21st October 2022 - all day

WB 24th October - all week

1st November 2022 - 1:45pm

2nd November 2022 - all day

2nd November 2022 - 9:30am

2nd November 2022 - 1:45pm

3rd November 2022 - afternoon

4th November 2022 - 1:45pm

4th November 2022 -after school

7th November 2022 - 2:00pm

8th November 2022 - 1:45pm

9th November 2022 - 9:15am

9th November 2022 - 1:45pm

10th November 2022 - 1:45pm

11th November 2022 - 1:45pm

Families and Communities

Black History Month

Choir singing at Miss Price's wedding

Collection for our harvest begins - Fire Side

Poetry Week

Y2 Curriculum Workshop

Reception and KSI film club

Y5 Mass in Church (Y5, Y6 parents welcome)

Poetry day in school

World Mental Health Day

Y1 Curriculum Workshop

KS2 film club

Y3 Mass in Church (Y3, Y4 parents welcome)

Year 6 Assembly

Year 1 walk around the local area

Monster Stomp Disco - KS2 in Parish Centre

Book Fair in school

Parents' Evening

Reception Welcome and Harvest Mass

Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day in School

Parents' Evening

School closed for children - INSET day

October half term holiday

Y5 Autumn Inspire

Flu immunisation day

Whole school Mass for All Saints and All Souls

Y3 Autumn Inspire

New Reception parents 2023-2024 open afternoon (New YR parents welcome)

Y2 Autumn Inspire

Monster Stomp Disco - KSI in Parish Centre

Y4 Curriculum Workshop

YR Autumn Inspire

Y1 Mass in Church (Y1, Y2 parents welcome)

Y1 Autumn Inspire

Y6 Autumn Inspire

Y4 Autumn Inspire